



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Karl J. ZEITSCH

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GROUP 1626

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Examiner E. Sackey

PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF FURFURAL

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of March 25, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, replace the paragraph beginning on line 20 as follows:

--As the principal difference between the analytical furfural process of 100% yield and the industrial processes of less than 60% yield lies in the fact that in the first case the reaction medium is boiling while in the second case it is not boiling, it was compelling to create an industrial process in which the reaction medium is maintained in a state of boiling. In view of the fact that with giant furfural reactors, charged with solids not conductive to being stirred, an indirect energy input by heating the walls can be ruled out, it is the essence of